

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2000. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application of which Claims 1 and 6 are independent claims.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-2, 4, and 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,710,873 to Breslow ("Breslow") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,657,246 to Hogan ("Hogan") or U.S. Patent No. 5,821,983 to Weiss ("Weiss"). Claims 3 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over the Breslow in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,521,014 to Sitrick ("Sitrick").

Breslow shows a video game that operates to capture an image of a video game player and provides for the display of the video game player in a scoring display format on the video game. Hogan shows a video conferencing system in which a video image of a video conferencing participant may be transmitter or suppressed. Weiss shows a video telephony in which a user may override a "data message re-transmission" (see, Col. 5, lines 53-61). The claims in Weiss that are indicated in the Office Action (see, the last line on page 2 of the Office Action) do not disclose or suggest otherwise.

In combination, Breslow together with either of Hogan or Weiss does not disclose or suggest (emphasis provided) "allowing said player to suppress during said session a presentation of said actual

score and/or performance" as required by Claims 1 and 6. Since both Hogan and Weiss are in a non-analogous art of video telephony, there clearly could not be said to even be a suggestion of this inventive feature in these prior art references.

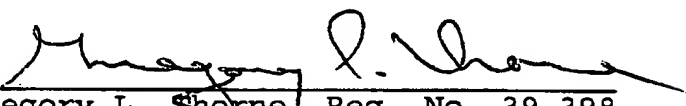
Accordingly, Claims 1 and 6 are patentable over any combination of Breslow together with either of Hogan or Weiss. Claims 2, 3, 5, and 7-8 depend from one of Claims 1 and 6 and are therefore, also patentable for at least that reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are patentable over the prior art of record and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

The Applicant has made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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